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In re application of

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For: METHOD OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRUGS WITH BINDING AFFINITY FOR
PLASMA PROTEIN AND PREPARATION TO BE USED IN THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

14. Method of the administration of drugs with binding affinity for plasma protein, which is characterized in that, in the administration of a first drug with binding affinity for plasma protein, a single or plural second drug with binding affinity for the same plasma protein for which the first drug has binding affinity, is administered simultaneously with the first drug or before or after the administration of the first drug to thereby regulate the binding of the first drug to the plasma protein.